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## MATERIALS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

August 1958

BRANCH: Chemicals

## I. Accomplishments

A. Scheduled Projects Completed and Forwarded

Project No. 40.2420 (SNIE 100-8-58), "Effect of an Expansion of US-Soviet Trade" - M/CH contribution completed and forwarded to S/TF.

Project No. 30.2243, "Estimated Production of Specified Industries in the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1957 (USAF)".

B. Support Projects - NoneC. Other Support Activities

25X1A6a In order to expedite the publication of a report on the recent visit of the US Plastics delegation to the USSR, M/CH prepared for [REDACTED] OO/C a composite report on each of the Soviet plastics plants visited by the delegation. The composite reports were prepared from information submitted by each of the delegates.

Completed and forwarded for the DD/P - 21 evaluations of clandestine reports on the chemical industries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc countries.

Completed and forwarded to the Office of Operations - 1 evaluation of a translation by JPRS.

## II. Program - No changes.

## III. Administration

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A. Personnel - New employee, [REDACTED], entered on duty with M/CH as a clerk-typist, replacing [REDACTED] who was transferred to M/AG.

B. Branch Structure - No changes. 25X1A9a

C. Training  
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25X1A9a [REDACTED] completed after-hours O/TR Course in "Beginners German."  
[REDACTED] started O/TR Course entitled "Moscow-Peking Axis."

D. Trips, Conventions, Professional Meetings, etc.

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Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] on 12 and 13 August in 25X1A5a1  
order to consult with members of the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and on the preparation of  
25X1A5a1 a report on the visit.

## IV. Comments

An important problem currently facing M/CH is the lack of recent intelligence information on Soviet installations producing chemicals. Although our information on national production of chemicals in the USSR has improved in the last few years, primarily as a result of increased release of production statistics, intelligence on the producing installations has been very poor since about 1950. This situation seriously affects

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our capability to produce installation intelligence which is essential for the preparation of target studies, and the NIS. Intelligence on producing installations has a further significance in that it is one of the principal approaches to estimates of the production, and hence consumption, of strategic chemicals, i.e., the chemicals entering into such important military programs as nuclear energy, and guided missiles.

There are of course, a number of ways in which the collection of such intelligence could be improved. One of the easiest and most practical

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